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1. IF NEED ARISES FOR ELABORATING ON ANSWER PARA 2, REF A
MISSION MAY DRAW ON THE FOLLOWING.

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2. ONE OBVIOUS WAY TO EFFECT AIR MANPOWER REDUCTIONS IS TO WITHDRAW UNSUPPORTABLE AIRCRAFT. HOWEVER, WE BELIEVE THAT THERE ARE OPTIONS OTHER THAN REDUCING AIRCRAFT. THE EXTENT TO WHICH THIS IS TRUE MAY DEPEND ON CERTAIN TRADE-OFFS.

3. OBVIOUSLY USAF MANPOWER REDUCTIONS COULD RESULT IN SOME REDUCTION IN CAPABILITY. HOWEVER, IN ORDER TO MINIMIZE ANY SUCH EFFECTS WE BELIEVE THE OTHER OPTIONS FOR TAKING SUCH REDUCTIONS INCLUDE:

- A. COMBINE AND/OR DISESTABLISH HEADQUARTERS OR FURTHER REDUCE HEADQUARTERS MANNING;
- B. WITHDRAW OR REDUCE NON-TACTICAL DETACHMENTS AND AGENCIES
- C. RELOCATE UNITS WITH BASE CLOSURES OR BASES PUT IN CARE-TAKER STATUS;
- D. REDUCE SORTIE GENERATION CAPABILITY;
- E. REDUCE OVERHEAD DUPLICATION THROUGH CO-LOCATED BASES AND OTHER COMBINED OPERATIONS.

4. ANY POTENTIAL LOSS IN USAF CAPABILITY WOULD BE RELATIVE SINCE USSR REDUCTIONS SHOULD ALSO RESULT IN A REDUCED SOVIET CAPABILITY.

5. WASHINGTON AGENCIES ARE EXAMINING EFFECTS OF THESE TRADE-OFFS AND WILL PROVIDE DETAILED PROPOSALS WITH A VIEW TO MINIMIZING DEGRADATION OF OVERALL CAPABILITY. IN THE INTERIM WE CONTINUE TO BELIEVE THAT CERTAIN ELEMENTS OF OUR PROPOSAL CAN BE ACTED ON, I.E., THOSE NOT DEPENDENT ON REDUCTIONS. KISSINGER

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